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(St. Louis, MO) - Today Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) released the following statement after the Serbian Parliament officially condemned the 1995 massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslim men and boys.

Carnahan represents the largest Bosnian population outside of Bosnia. Approximately 35,000 Bosnians reside in the St. Louis, Missouri, region. Of these, upwards of 5,000 are survivors of the Srebrenica massacre. Last summer, Carnahan visited Srebrenica for a memorial service commemorating the 14th anniversary of the massacre.

"Each and every day, thousands of survivors relive the horror of witnessing the murder of their loved ones during those awful July days in 1995. This narrow majority vote by the Serbian Parliament will never replace their loss, nor can it erase the lasting physical and emotional scars borne by the Bosnian people in the wake of this genocide.

"But by acknowledging what the rest of the world recognized long ago, it is my hope that the Serbian government is signaling that it is time to begin the healing process. And even more importantly, I hope that this step, along with the punishment of all those responsible, can help ensure this kind of atrocity never occurs again."

-- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3)

Carnahan is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and cofounder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus for Bosnia.

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